



PICUS Initiative Update, Holiday Wishes, and Important Reminder

Fellow Professional Pilot,

As 2024 comes to a close, we at the College of Professional Pilots of Canada (CPPC) want to take a moment to share significant updates on our efforts to advance pilot training standards, celebrate key milestones, and express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the year.

This year has been marked by incredible progress, from the growing momentum of the PICUS initiative to aligning with industry leaders like ALPA and CATCA on shared goals through their insightful White Paper. We've also taken steps to ensure you stay informed with critical updates such as the Holdover Time (HOT) guidelines, which are now accessible exclusively via subscription.

Your support has been instrumental in driving these achievements, and we look forward to continuing this journey together in 2025.

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We can't continue the work we do without your support. It is critical that you keep your membership in good standing AND that you continue to encourage your friends and fellow colleagues to do the same.

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The PICUS Initiative: A Step Towards Safer and More Efficient Pilot Training

The aviation industry is evolving rapidly, and so must our approach to pilot training. The Pilot-in-Command Under Supervision (PICUS) initiative reflects this need for innovation. By proposing amendments to Canadian Aviation Regulations, the initiative aims to allow up to 150 hours of PICUS flight time within structured, operator-approved programs.

Why does this matter?

- **Safety First:** Pilots gain real-world command experience in structured, multi-crew environments, better preparing them for the complexities of modern aviation.
- **Streamlined Pathways:** A more efficient route to the Airline Transport Pilot Licence (ATPL), reducing reliance on less relevant flight hours.
- **Quality Training:** Enhanced focus on leadership, decision-making, and handling abnormal scenarios under supervision.

This initiative not only supports aspiring pilots but also ensures that operators benefit from a steady pipeline of well-trained professionals.

We are excited to share that the PICUS initiative is gaining strong momentum:

- **Secured Endorsements:** PAL Airlines, Air Sprint, and Air North have officially supported the proposal.
- **Meaningful Discussions:** Conversations with WestJet Encore, Air Inuit, and other operators continue to progress, with more letters of support anticipated.

These endorsements underscore a shared commitment within the aviation industry to elevate training standards and operational safety.

With your continued support, we're confident about presenting this proposal to Transport Canada in the near future.

Access The Proposal

A Friendly Reminder: Stay Updated with HOTs

Holdover Time (HOT) guidelines, critical for flight safety during icing conditions, will no longer be published publicly. Instead, they will be sent exclusively via email to subscribers. To ensure you don't miss out, subscribe today!

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Industry Alignment: ALPA and CATCA's White Paper

As a final note, the College is pleased to see the White Paper that has been produced by ALPA and CATCA (The Airline Pilots Association and The Canadian Air Traffic Control Association) that aligns with The CPPC's goals and beliefs. As the only neutral body representing all Commercial Pilots in Canada, the CPPC intends to be an integral part of this process.

Access The White-Paper



This year has been a testament to the power of collaboration and shared purpose. Your support has been pivotal in driving initiatives like PICUS forward, reinforcing the CPPC's mission to improve pilot training and operational safety across Canada.

As we step into 2025, we're excited to continue building on this progress with you. Together, we can ensure a stronger and safer future for Canadian aviation.

From all of us at the CPPC, we wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Together we Soar !

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